

The Fulbright Faculty Development Program is a non-degree, professional development program that provides promising junior university faculty with the opportunity to:

- develop new courses and implement curriculum reform at their home institutions;
- cultivate teaching skills and techniques based on personal observation of U.S. educational methods;
- expand the information base in their fields of study;
- become a vehicle for on-going contact and exchange between their home and host institutions.

To qualify for the Fulbright Faculty Development Program, an applicant must:

- have citizenship of the Republic of Moldova and permanent residence in the country (permanent residents of the Transnistrian region may be considered regardless of citizenship)
- be eligible for a U.S. J-1 visa (with two-year home-country residence requirement)
- hold a university degree;
- be currently teaching at an institution of higher education;
- have at least two years of teaching experience at an institution of higher education by the time of application;
- demonstrate proficiency in oral and written English (selected finalists will be required to take TOEFL test.)

The programs offer equal opportunities to all applicants and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, native language, handicap or disability.

The Fulbright Faculty Development Program offers a nine-month, non-degree program that could be followed by a two-month summer practicum. Program activities during the first nine months include observing courses, developing curricula, gathering resource materials, attending conferences, collaborating with U.S. colleagues, and giving presentations. The Fulbright Faculty Development Program offers scholarships in any academic field.

One of the important components of the Fulbright Faculty Development Program is a formal affiliation at a U.S. university. In many cases, applicants are in contact with colleagues at U.S. institutions and have made preliminary plans for their own placements by securing a letter of invitation from the prospective host institution. When determining which institutions to contact, do not limit yourself to the most well-known U.S. universities. Though many U.S. institutions may not have an international reputation, they often do have appropriate facilities for scholars to conduct research. Scholars placed in these smaller and lesser-known institutions often are given greater attention than their colleagues who are affiliated with larger and more well-known universities. If you have studied previously in the United States, you should avoid seeking affiliation at your U.S. alma mater. This is to ensure that you expand your contacts within the U.S. academic community.

The Fulbright Faculty Development Program provides round-trip international and domestic transportation, medical insurance, a monthly stipend, and funds for professional development. Since the Fulbright Faculty Development Program is a non-degree program, Fellows are not permitted to receive transcripts, grades or credit.

The applicants for the Fulbright Faculty Development Program in Moldova will need to fill in the on-line application for Fulbright Foreign Student Program. It is designed for foreign students, but is applicable to junior researchers as well.

For the on-line application and instructions please go to:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20/Instr.asp>